IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Fukumura, et al. AU6 3 0 200

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For: Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector For Nerve

Cell

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Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1636

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office

Action be extended one month from August 7, 2001 to September 7, 2001 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) is believed to be \$110.00 for a one-month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: August 30, 2001

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